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A PERSONAL NOTE:

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else. I am now on Facebook. The Friends of Old-time Radio Convention is also on Facebook and is run by Sean Dougherty.

THIRD REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The fourth Supplement to the third edition (largest yet) is off the press. Cost is 10.00 plus \$1.50 P & H.

The 2005 “3rd Revised Ultimate History” is \$67 including P&H. which includes the First, Second, Third and Fourth Supplement. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$57 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the next update. I will need the information by October 1, 2010.

CONVENTION 2010: This is our 35th convention. Dates are Oct 21 – 24, 2010 at the Ramada Plaza (formerly Holiday Inn; same hotel) Newark, NJ. Go online to <www.Ramada.com> to get best rates. You will find 2 hotels in Newark with same address. They are the same. Just book the one with the lowest rate. The Ramada 800 number 800-272-6232. The number of the hotel is 973-589-1000. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>.

CONVENTION 2009: 2009 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Four years ago, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; -**RCA Newsletter**, May; article about Mel Simons and his collection of memorabilia; -June; interview with Steven Beasley, author of Kay Kyser; -**Air Check**, May; article about William Edmondson; -**Radio Recall**, June; articles about Lights Out; Lucy Monroe; Black Radio's Roots; -**Nostalgia Digest**, summer; articles about Eddie Cantor; the Quiz Kids; syndication; Larry Gelbart; -**The Illustrated Press**, June; articles about Frank Sinatra; Gabby Hayes; **The Old Radio Times**; articles about the Cincinnati Convention; Art Linkletter; Secret Codes; Lost Lone Ranger; on line copyrights; -**RLL on the Air**, Summer; also article about Lost Longer Ranger; Mrs. Goldberg

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). Greenwood Publishing Group (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-

3571;-Many books are from **McFarland** ; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708; 229-436-4265; <Bearmanormedia.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio);-**Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <www.martingrams.com>;-**Scarecrow Press**; <scarecrowpress.com> 1-800-462-6420.

From **McFarland; Obituaries in the Performing Arts, 2009**

Film, Television, Radio, Theatre, Dance, Music, Cartoons and Pop Culture

by Harris M. Lentz III ; ISBN 978-0-7864-4174-7 ISSN 1087-9617; 1526 photos,

bibliography; 600pp. softcover (7 x 10) 2010; Price: \$49.95

Description

Among 2009's many notable losses in the performing arts are actors Patrick Swayze and Karl Malden, newsman Walter Cronkite, entertainers Soupy Sales and Captain Lou Albano, television icon Farrah Fawcett, and Michael Jackson.

Obituaries of these and other performers and filmmakers, musicians and producers, dancers and composers, writers and others associated with the performing arts who died in 2009 can be found in this comprehensive reference work. For each, the date, place, and cause of death are provided, along with a recap of their career. Filmographies are given for film and television performers, and photographs of many of the individuals are included. Individual books in this annual series are available dating back to 1994. A subscription plan is available for future issues.

From **Bear Manor**

For the first time in print - finally!! - **The Bickersons' Love Letters!** edited by Ben Ohmart

Never before have the infamous love letters between John and Blanche Bickerson seen the light of day. This amazing testament to the **strength** of marriage at last shows the true depth of feeling the squabbling couple felt for one another. And no. It wasn't always bickering!

Now you can find out how they met. Who they are. What are their backgrounds. And experience, for a change, the love shared between a couple that was *obviously* made for one another. Just \$14.95 plus postage.

also from **Bear Manor; Judy Canova is Singing in the Corn; by Ben Ohmart**

Yep, this here's the first book on everyone's favorite rube, Judy Canova! Teeming with family interviews and rare, unpublished photos, this is the only book that'll ever need to be writ on music/stage/film/radio star, Judy Canova!

Just \$24.95 plus postage.

also from **Bear Manor; Remembering Radio; an Oral History of OTR; by David Siegel; with much help from Melanie Aultman; Just \$24.95 plus postage.**

Interviews with 14 personalities plus a guide to over 1330 interviews in which more than 990 radio personalities share their firsthand account of the programs they were associated with.

CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)

REPS Showcase XVIII, June 25 – 27, 2010; Bellevue Coast Hotel, Seattle, WA; Contact 206-542-6231 for questions and details or go to <www.repsonline.org>

5th Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 23 – 25, 2010. Hunt Valley Marriott, Hunt Valley, MD; Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or <<http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com>>

35th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 21 – 24, 2010 at the **Ramada Plaza Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn)**, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 728-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web

site: <http://www.fotr.net>)

Cincinnati's 25th Old Time Radio and Nostalgia Convention, May 20 - 21, 2011;
Crowne Plaza Hotel; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (888-477-9112) <haradio@hotmail.com>

Friends of Old Time Radio Convention

Original Script Contest

Original script entries for 2010 may be mailed any time after February 1, 2010. Next year's theme will be to write an original, 30 minute script for a 1940s old time radio show—your choice! It can be a comedy, drama, variety, or any other type of actual show that was popular in that decade. The story line should include several references to the external world as it existed at the time. If your show occurred during World War II, perhaps you will work in ration coupons, scrap drives, war bonds, black market purchases and the like. If after the war, you may want to mention the housing shortage situation or the Berlin Blockade. The cast should not exceed eight character (including announcer/narrator) roles, though bit parts can be doubled if you need to go beyond eight for an additional character or two, with a few lines each. Commercials can be excluded. If you choose to include commercials, they should be short, and no more than three.

All scripts must be double-spaced with type no smaller than 12 point. They must be ready to be produced, with all musical bridges and sound effects clearly indicated in the script.

First place prize winner receives a \$200 award, with the show being performed at the 2011 FOTR Convention. Second place winner is the recipient of a \$100 award.

Deadline for submission is August 31, 2010. All entries must be mailed to: Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>; **Let me know if any are out of date.**

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**); **Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com> **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>> **Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/douglasosmonek>> new e-mail is <douglasosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <<http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>>. (also) <<http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>>; **Eddie Cantor** <eddiecantor.com>; **Old time Radio Researchers Group** <<http://www.otrr.org>>; For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the **OTRRLibrary** <<http://www.otrrlibrary.org>>; For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars, check out **OTRRPedia**

located at <http://www.otrrpedia.org>;-**Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/popshoppe>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039; <www.old-time.com/mccoy.html> **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-283-9770); <asajb2000@yahoo.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 669, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> <www.brcradio.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater **Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com> **Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast> **Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/popshoppe>
All listings below list sampling of shows. **BRC Productions: Summer catalog.** A wide variety including The Falcon; Unsolved Mysteries; Philco Radio Time

OLD FRIENDS: **Bill Anthony**, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 still looking for Lux Shows from NY, 1934 – 1936. **Joe Webb** recently did an interview with John Abbott, author of the 3-volume set devoted to Johnny Dollar that was published by BearManor Media. The interview can be downloaded at <http://tinyurl.com/YTJDinterview>. **Stu Weiss** sent this: Many interviews that I've done with singing stars of the 50s and 60s recently are available on my new web page www.ramtownlive.com/popshoppe.

Plus my weekly oldies show is heard at www.topshelfoldies.org every Friday night from 7 PM till 3:01 AM (eastern time). My show is called "The Pop Shoppe".

IN FOND MEMORY: **Art Linkletter**, May 26, 97; radio and TV host (People are Funny);- **Himan Brown**, Jun 4, 99; developer of radio dramas (Inner Sanctum; CBS Radio Mystery Theater);- **Jimmy Dean**, Jun 13, 81; singer (Hollywood Barn Dance; Country Hoe-down);- **Ilene Woods**, Jul 1, 81; singer (Philco Summer Hour; Sealtest Village Store; Breakfast Club);- **Peter Fernandez**, Jul 15, 83; actor; Suspense, Let's Pretend; TV (Speed Racer); attended our convention several times.

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970; The first OTR convention was in 1971; The Friends of Old-time Radio started in 1976

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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FOTR Web site: <http://www.fotr.net>



Norman Corwin will cast a large **Shadow** and show what a **Superman** he was on the radio at the **35th Friends of Old Time Radio Convention**, Oct 21-24, 2010 at the Ramada Plaza Conference Center, Newark, NJ (formerly Holiday Inn) For more information contact Jay Hickerson 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 352.728.6731 JayHick@aol.com or www.fotr.net

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or **tentative** acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast and Southern Guests

Lonnie Burr – MOUSEKETEER LONNIE 63 years: de Mille to Spielberg -[MEMOIR 2009] Stars over Hollywood (radio)
Frank Buxton – author; host-producer (TV - Discovery)
Ivan Cury – Bobby Benson; Portia Faces Life
Dick Heatherston – announcer, DJ (New York, Hartford, LA); TV (General Hospital; One Life to Live); author and speaker
Richard Herd – Theater 5; (TV) Seinfeld, T J Hooker
Johnny Holliday – DJ (WINS), actor, sportscaster
David Lucas – (composer; producer) local radio in Buffalo
Chuck McCann – Comedian, actor in movies and TV (Boston Legal and others)
Gloria McMillan – Our Miss Brooks
Shirley Mitchell – The Great Gildersleeve

New East Coast Guests

Stan Applebaum – arranger, composer (Your Hit Parade)
Bill Britten – clown, host of kids TV (Time for Fun)
Gloria Clyne Greenberg; first female page (NBC)
Irwin Hasen – comic artist (Dondi; The Goldbergs)
Ed Rambeau – singer, composer
Jerry Robinson – comic artist (Batman; created the Joker), author

Returnees

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Mercury Theater
Cliff Carpenter – County Seat, Terry and the Pirates
Christina Britton Conroy – Daughter of Barbara Britton; voiceover, radio and theater actress; music psychotherapist, author
Larry Conroy – Count of Monte Cristo; Voiceover Coach
Joe Franklin – Joe Franklin Show in New York
Michael C. Gwynne – Actor in movies, TV and radio since 1960
Russell Horton – Many CBS Radio Mystery Theater
Will Hutchins – (TV) Blondie; Sugarfoot
Elaine Hyman – The Lone Ranger
Simon Jones – British Actor (TV) Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Corinne Orr – Theater Five; (TV) Voices for Speed Racer; Trixie and Spritle
Bill Owen – (Announcer for ABC)
Lynne Rogers – The Guiding Light
Jean Rouverol – One Man's Family
leslie Shreve – Actress, activist, television, movies, voiceovers
Jay Stern – director (Quicksilver Radio Theater)
Craig Wichman – founder of Quicksilver Radio Theater

Events

The following events are **tentatively** scheduled. Time will be announced at convention. Any are subject to change

Thursday, Oct 21

Dealers Rooms: 9 am – 5:30 pm; panels start at 9:00 am
 OTR 2nd Annual Historians Panel (moderated by Derek Tague) with Frank Buxton and Bill Owen
 Authors Panel with Lonnie Burr, Dick Heatherston, Joe Martelle (Tentative); Dave Siegel; hosted by Mel Simons
 Film: "Aren't We Devils?" (about Ralph Edwards, "Truth or Consequences" and "This is Your Life") (Gregg Oppenheimer)
 OTR Jeopardy (by Fred Berney)
 Radio game and Quiz shows (by Leah Biel)
 Radio Was There (radio coverage of JFK assassination (by Ken Stockinger)
 80th anniversary tribute to the Shadow (by Anthony Tollin)
 Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00
 Those Were the Days Radio Players present The Adventures of Sam Spade (the Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail Caper) with Michael C. Gwynne, Karen Lockwood, Dave Zwengler, Rick Johnston, Jim Ferneborg, Debbra Piening, Robert Maher, Art DiVittis and Lindsay Curcio; Dir. by Randy Larson
 Arthur Anderson directs an episode of a Norman Corwin story (To Tim at 20) from Forecast; with Simon Jones, Christina Conroy, Craig Wichman
 Original Script by Amanda Osborne: "One Afternoon in Section 37 (Ebbets Field, 1939)" Featuring, in alphabetical order: Christina Conroy, Larry Conroy, Will Hutchins, Simon Jones, Bobb Lynes, Corinne Orr, Bill Owen, Lynne Rogers, leslie Shreve, Kevin Scullin, Ken Stockinger, Barbara Watkins, and Craig Wichman; Directed by Jay Stern/Produced by Craig Wichman

Friday (Daytime) (Oct 22)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Poetry and Radio (2); with Dave Zwengler and Frazier Russell
 Voyage of the Scarlet Queen (Jack French)
 Researching OTR's "The Shadow"; with Martin Grams, Jr.
 Announcing Styles of the 1920's (Michael Biel)
 "Funnies Friday: OTR and the Comics" (8th annual "Funny Friday" Comedy panel), hosted by Maggie Thompson and James Gauthier, with guests Irwin Hasen, Jerry Robinson
 The Gotham Radio Players present a lost episode of THE FIRST NIGHTER PROGRAM - "The Care and Feeding of Mr. Dobbs". Directed by Steven M. Lewis, produced by Max Schmid.

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 Re-creation of Fibber McGee and Molly dir. by Gary Yoggy with Will Hutchins, Arthur Anderson, Elaine Hyman, Richard Herd, and Russell Horton
 (Re-creation) "The Columbia Workshop" episode "Dress Rehearsal" directed by Edgar Farr Russell, III and starring Arthur Anderson, Cliff

Carpenter, Michael C. Gwynne, Russell Horton, Lynne Rogers and Leslie Shreve.

Saturday (Daytime) Oct 23

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

"Restoring the 1929-1930 WGY Pallophotophone Recordings"

Chris Hunter, Curator of Collections and Exhibitions, Schenectady Museum and Russ DeMuth, GE Global Research Center.

Children in Radio and Television; G Downes with Bill Britten, Lonnie Burr, Dick Heatherton, Elaine Hyman

Radio Covers the death of FDR (Gary Yoggy)

(Re-creation) The Dave Warren Players present "Blondie"

The Joe Franklin Show with Lonnie Burr, Gloria Clyne

Singers, musicians and Big Bands, 14th annual (hosted by Stu Weiss and Brian Gari); guests include David Lucas, Dick Heatherton, Stan Applebaum, Ed Rambeau

(Re-creation) "The Screen Guild Show" - featuring Chuck McCann (as Jack Benny), Richard Herd (as George Murphy), Gloria McMillan (as Joan Crawford), Leslie Shreve (as Judy Garland), and Frank Buxton (as John Conte). Dir. by Gregg Oppenheimer

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Awards, raffle, auction

(Re-creation) **Superman**; Dir. by Anthony Tollin;

(Re-creation) "The Great Gildersleeve" - featuring Shirley Mitchell, Chuck McCann, Gloria McMillan, Richard Herd, Cliff Carpenter, Leslie Shreve, Russell Horton, Elaine Human, Michael C. Gwynne, Frank Buxton, and Ron Cocking. Dir. by Gregg Oppenheimer

Sunday Morning Oct 24

Breakfast from 7:00 am to 9:30; There will be a panel of guests (to be decided) from 9:30 to 11:00 am

Getting There

By Air: Fly to Newark Airport

Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport to the Ramada Plaza; follow the signs to ground transportation

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport; then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked **Frontage Road** after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked **Frontage Road**. You must take one of the right-hand tolls and stay on the right.
From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked **Frontage Road**. Follow to hotel.
From Garden State Parkway North of airport: take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (**Frontage Road**)
From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to **Frontage Road**.

Hotel Address (for MapQuest or GPS) is 160 Frontage Rd., Newark, NJ 07114 (973)-589-1000

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. **Prepaid tickets are held at the door. Take advantage of our package specials described on attached sheet.**

Thursday, October 21; Daytime only (9 am - 5 pm); \$20 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door

Thursday, October 21; Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 am - closing) \$56.00; Discount of \$5.00 for those over 60 and under 16.

Friday, October 22: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm) \$20.00 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door.

Friday, October 22: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) \$68.00. Discount of \$5.00 for those over 60 and under 16.

Saturday, October 23: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) \$20.00 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door.

Saturday, October 23: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) \$74.00. Discount of \$5.00 for those over 60 and under 16.

Sunday, October 24: Morning including buffet breakfast and panel, 7:00 to 11:00 am: \$25

Complimentary coffee, tea and muffins early Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. Hors d'oeuvres for dinner guests only.

Dealer's Tables are \$65 for all tables; Details on special sheet.

Hotel: Rooms are usually \$72 and up plus parking (\$15 a day), no matter how many in a room, no matter how many nights. All rooms can be reserved on the web site (see sheet); **OR USING THE 800 number (1-800 272-6232); Reservation should be placed by September 25th. Rooms are limited. There are other options described on update.**

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. **See attached**

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson; send to Jay Hickerson to address below.

Mail to Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748; 352-728-6731; E-mail (Jayhick@aol.com)

On the Web at: www.fotr.net

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Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk **and save money**. Preregistration for the day only is **\$20 if mailed in advance** and **\$25 if paid at the door** for each day. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$20** for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add \$10 to the cost.

PACKAGE PRICES: If you come for all 4 meals (Thursday through Sunday, cost is **\$203** (\$193 for seniors). If you come for Thursday through Saturday, cost is **\$183** (\$173 for seniors). If you come for Friday through Sunday, cost is **\$155** (\$145 for seniors). Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, **please send a SASE or e-mail address. It would be easier to send me your e-mail address anyway. I can send you updated information easier.**

Rooms and Parking

Dates are Oct 21 – 24, 2010 at the Ramada Plaza (formerly Holiday Inn; same hotel) Newark, NJ. Go online to <www.Ramada.com> to get best rates. You will find 2 hotels in Newark with same address. They are the same. Just book the one with the lowest rate. The Ramada 800 number 800-272-6232. The number of the hotel is 973-589-1000. Cost of the rooms vary **plus daily parking fee of \$15**, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. I went on line now (7/14) at <www.Ramada.com> and the AAA rate was \$75.00. **A deposit might be required (by credit card)**. The price will vary depending on when you reserve. The internet reservation might be less as I mentioned. If you must cancel, you must do it by 6 pm of the day you are arriving. Rooms should be reserved by **September 25th**. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability.

Cost for daytime guests is \$1.00 a car **UNLESS** at least one person in the group buys food in the restaurant or bar; then there is no charge.

If you wish to stay at the **Howard Johnson**, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night should be less. Call the Howard Johnson at 973-344-1500. It is now under new ownership so you may need your own transportation between hotels.

If you wish to stay next door at the **Sheraton**, call 1-800-325-3535.

Also try the internet. Don't mention FOTR at first. Don't forget to try the Sheraton. Try to share rooms with someone. Mention AARP and/or AAA if appropriate. There may still be a parking fee if done this way.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and **will** be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 35th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Full Page – 8 1/2 by 11	\$100	Half Page – 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11
Quarter Page – 4 by 5	\$40	Two full Pages –
\$60		
\$160		

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 35th annual convention. Deadline for ads is October 1st.

Wednesday

To all Wednesday overnight guests and committee; Come and join us for wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from about 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable & cheese platters. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will be \$65 a table. All details on a special sheet. Daytime registration fees for dealers will be eliminated. Dealers can arrive as early as 7 am Thursday morning to set up. Some dealers will be able to set up late Wednesday night. I will let you know as I get closer to the date.

Auctions:

There will be 3 auctions, Thu - Sat dinners; Most will be autographed scripts performed each night. There will also be some one of a kind items including:

1. An old, battered, unused "National Broadcasting Company, Inc., Sunset and Vine" envelope (with the old "NBC Chimes" logo), plus a red "National Broadcasting Company, Inc." No. 1 pencil. Both are circa 1954-1957.
2. A CD recording of "The Aldrich Family" broadcast of 11/11/48, starring Ezra Stone as Henry Aldrich, plus Ezra Stone's signature on a 1960 check payable to (and endorsed by) Stone.
3. A one-of-a-kind item: The original handwritten sheet music for a song called "I Love to Listen to My Radio" written by Jess Oppenheimer and Sam Perrin in 1939 when they were writers on "The Screen Guild Show." In the upper left corner in pencil is written "For Prof. Cary Grant." (Cary Grant appeared on the show in April of that year, but didn't perform this song).

FOR SATURDAY; we will auction a rare item from the estate of Jess Oppenheimer; a matted and framed, hand-inked, hand-painted 1976 "Baby Snooks and Daddy" cel created by Friz Freleng for a proposed Baby Snooks TV series. Other related correspondence and scripts will be included.